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Doug Levis, right, hands a rare Tom Thomson painting to winning bidder Tom Budd, who forked over \$350,000 to keep the painting, hidden away for decades in a rural Alberta farmhouse, in Western Canada. The auction wasn't without controversy however, as the painting held a reserve price of \$400,000.

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Blazes keep city fire crews busy

DAMAGE Investigators were called in after the close proximity of three separate grass fires in the city's southwest yesterday.

Calgary firefighters made a mutual aid call just before 3 p.m. yesterday to surrounding communities to battle the three fires, which engulfed approximately 100 hectares of land near Spruce Meadows.

Eighteen pieces of Calgary fire department apparatus responded to the area by 128 Street and 212 Avenue to battle the blaze.

No structures were damaged by the fire, however several power poles were charred.

Fire crews from Redwood Meadows, Okotoks, Priddis and Turner Valley, along with HAWC 2 for aerial views, helped extinguish the fires.

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EARTH DAY: APRIL 22

GoGreen

In honour of Earth Day on Wednesday, Metro is providing you with ways you can go green and lessen your environmental footprint.

TODAY

GOING GREEN. While saving the planet is serious business, you can still have fun while you're at it. Page 9.

TOMORROW

HEALTH. Tips to achieving an eco-friendly sex life.

ENTERTAINMENT. How the music industry is going green.

EARTH DAY

MOVIES. We have a review of the Disney film Earth.

GOING GREEN. A special section devoted to Earth Day.



Hockey sorrow not drowned: Bar owner

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PLAYOFFS The Flames may be down 2-0 in their hockey series but Calgary pubs and bars are down too, according to a local bar owner.

"It's not super. The mood has been mellow and not many people are coming out. When the Flames aren't winning, people don't want to drink all night. It's another disappointment," What About Bob's owner and manager Bob Mariani said.

Mariani said the turnout has nothing to do with the economy, it's simply because the Flames are down two games.

"People come out when the team is winning, and then they jump on the bandwagon. But everyone is kind of expecting the Flames to lose, and they are."

Mariani only expects about 40 people out when the Flames host Chicago tonight.

It seems with the team's poor start to the playoffs, fans aren't fired up about the Flames fortunes.

Fan Joshua Charger admits he hasn't been in the mood to celebrate with friends.

"I rather just watch it at home than spend money. Red Mile doesn't exist when the Flames are losing anyways," he said.

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ALYSSA JULIE
for Metro Calgary

The new owner of a rare Tom Thomson piece was reading a library book about the Group of Seven when he heard the piece was to be put up for auction.

"I'm probably the least knowledgeable person in this room about art and art history, but I'm learning," said Tom Budd, adding that he just wanted to make sure the piece stayed in Western Canada.

The painting, dubbed

Dawn on Round Lake, depicts a lake near Algonquin Park with a deep blue hill

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rising up in the background. Part of a private collection, the artwork had not been seen for 94 years according to Doug Levis, owner of Levis Auctions and Appraisals.

Levis expected it to sell for as much as \$600,000, but bidding closed yesterday at \$350,000.

The original owner had set a reserve price of \$400,000. But after Budd's bid of \$350,000 was contested down, he contested the de-

cision arguing that the reserve should have been announced at the start of the bidding.

According to Levis, the fact that all artwork had a set reserve price was made clear at the outset of the auction.

He started the bidding lower, he explained, to get things going and encourage a few more people in the audience to bid.

After discussing the offer with the painting's origi-

nal owner, a deal was made and the piece was sold for \$350,000 plus a 17 per cent buyers premium and five per cent GST.

Levis' original appraisal of between \$500,000 and \$600,000 was based on the painting's size and vintage he said, adding that more colourful pieces tend to fetch more in auctions.

Budd said that although he hadn't intended to purchase the piece at first, he was very satisfied with his decision.

The artwork, he added, was purchased for his private collection although he hopes to donate the piece to an art gallery at some point.



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Local



Boy dies in quad mishap

A 10-year-old boy was killed when his quad rolled on top of him shortly before 5:30 p.m. Saturday near Calmar, about 50 kilometres southwest of Edmonton. Mounties from Leduc say the child was riding the machine at his family's property unsupervised and it's believed he wasn't wearing a helmet. METRO CALGARY

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10:30 Tonight

Attempted robbery foiled

CRIME Police were called to the Money Mart at Memorial Drive E around 11:25 a.m. after a man entered the building and demanded the female clerk let him into the secure staff area. She notified police and the man fled. Cops are looking for a black male, around 25, five-foot-seven, black hair and eyes, wearing a black "dew rag" under a ball cap, black t-shirt and carrying a grey bag. METRO CALGARY

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

Immigration Guidy Mann on why Canada has no right to complain about an alleged mob boss being deported to Montreal at metronews.ca/immigration

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Picking up the poop

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It took several hours and dozens of volunteers but the annual Scoopy Doo Day was a success, according to organizers.

While most people don't find picking up dog poop fun, many came out and enjoyed themselves, Deb Taylor of Bylaw Services said.

"It was a great time and it was great to see all the volunteers come out and help make the parks cleaner and safer for everyone," Taylor said. "It also raises awareness and education for people," she added.

Volunteer co-ordinator for natural areas Sonia Gonzales said 60 people showed up at Tom Campbell's Hill to clean up but she didn't have numbers for the other eight parks.

"We had dog owners and also regular users of the park. The community cares about their parks and want



Paul Hilton and his pooch help pick up some doggie droppings at the fifth annual Scoopy Doo Day at an off-leash park in Calgary. This event helps remove the noxious nuggets from city off-leash areas after the snow has melted.

to help give back by cleaning up," she said.

"I just think it's a good reminder to people to clean up after their dogs and carry bags with them."

The fine for not cleaning up after your dog is \$250.

Martha Kelling thinks it's good that volunteers are coming out regularly to clean up but wishes some

people would be more responsible.

"I don't know why people can't clean up as it happens. We wouldn't need days like this," she said.

The gift that gives

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Running out of gift ideas? How about a goat for \$58?

A new charitable gift donation in the form of farm animals is hitting Calgary, allowing donors to choose a sustainable gift for people in developing countries, the spokesperson for the company behind the idea said.

"It's a fun way to give a different type of gift and exciting to be able to play a role," Lisa Faye said. "You can become like a farmer in a fun way."

"When you give a goat to someone in another country, it's not just supper for one night. It's milk, butter and more goats, too," she added. "But there are other things too, like chickens."

Oxfam Canada is marketing the gift cards this week at Shopper Drug Mart locations in Calgary.

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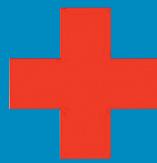
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Pertains To A Reeves College Program

Pertains To A CDI College Program

The Ontario Provincial Police on Saturday launched an intensified search in Woodstock, Ont., for missing eight-year-old Victoria (Tori) Stafford, who was last seen on April 8. Police will also be re-examining older information and tips, and detectives will be canvassing homes and residents for new leads. **CBC NEWS ONLINE**

Canada



Red Cross seeking flood aid

The Canadian Red Cross is appealing for donations to support people affected by the flood in Manitoba. So far, more than 900 people have registered at the Red Cross reception centre in Winnipeg as the province said Saturday that 1,923 people have been evacuated due to the flood. More than 1,200 of those are people from First Nations communities.

CBC NEWS ONLINE

Canadian warship hunts pirates after thwarted hijacking

GULF OF ADEN NATO forces, including a Canadian warship, foiled an attack by Somali pirates on a Norwegian oil tanker, and briefly detained seven gunmen, officials said yesterday.

Michael McWhinnie, of the Canadian warship Winnipeg, said it, a British naval supply ship and U.S. warship Halyburton responded after pirates attacked the MV Front Ardenne late Saturday.

The gunmen fled as the forces approached, dumping weapons overboard. The Winnipeg pursued them for hours through the night. A boarding party searched the pirate vessel and found an RPG round, which they seized. After documenting the evidence, the crew let the pirates go.

REUTERS

PM lauds ties with Jamaica

Prime Minister Stephen Harper will hail the "extraordinary" ties between Canada and Jamaica and the positive contributions of Jamaicans to Canadian society during an historic address to that country's parliament today.

"This visit is particularly important and symbolic for the Jamaican-Canadian community. It's symbolic of our relations with Jamaica," Harper told Torstar News Service in an exclusive interview yesterday.

Harper arrived in Kingston, Jamaica last night from Trinidad where he had been attending the Summit of the Americas. Today, Harper will address a sitting of both houses of the Jamaican Parliament — a first for a Canadian prime minister.

"The Jamaican commu-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper is escorted by a Trinidadian protocol officer as he arrives for the closing session at the Fifth Summit of the Americas in Port of Spain.

nity is gradually coming of age in Canada and Jamaicans themselves are proud of that and that's

something that enhances our relationship," he said. Harper will also be pressuring efforts to cement a free

trade deal, which he touts as one remedy to the nation's poverty.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Union opposes CFIA's planned emergency fund

SAFETY The Canadian Food Inspection Agency plans to establish an emergency fund by withholding money from daily operations, says the union representing food inspectors.

The Agriculture Union estimated the fund would restrain the operational budget at CFIA by about 10 to 15 per cent, which it fears would cancel plans to hire additional food inspectors and actually raise the risk of outbreak.

The parliamentary sub-committee on food safety will hear from Maple Leaf CEO Michael McCain today as part of a probe into a potentially deadly strain of listeria traced to Maple Leaf meats that became a factor in at least 20 deaths last summer.

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World



Japanese clean up after themselves

Japanese expatriates took to the streets of Paris yesterday armed with brooms to clean up the city for the tens of thousands of Japanese tourists who visit each year. To the amusement or indifference of passersby, the team of Japanese expats called the Greenbirds chose to give a stretch of the Champs Elysees avenue its monthly cleaning treatment.

REUTERS

Boycott may subvert meeting

RACISM A growing western boycott threatens to undermine a United Nations conference on racism that Israel's friends say could become a platform for scathing criticism of the Jewish state.

The United States announced on Saturday it would stay away, citing "objectionable" language in a text prepared for the Geneva meeting that will

be addressed by Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad today, its opening day.

Australia and the Netherlands joined the boycott yesterday and Italy and Germany are also expected to sit it out.

The United States and Israel walked out after Arab states sought to define Zionism as racist in 2001.

REUTERS

News in brief

COURT SYSTEM Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has called on the judiciary to ensure that an Iranian-American journalist jailed for espionage enjoys her legal right to defend herself, the official news agency IRNA said yesterday. Roxana Saberi's lawyer welcomed Ahmadinejad's intervention in a letter to Tehran's prosecutor, published

a day after the U.S.-born freelance reporter was sentenced to eight years in jail on charges of spying for the United States.

ABDUCTIONS Gunmen kidnapped three aid workers, believed to include a Belgian and a Dutchman, in central Somalia yesterday, a colleague and a local elder said.

REUTERS

Obama plays nice with Cuba

Calls on communist nation to give people more political freedom

U.S. President Barack Obama said yesterday he saw "potential positive signs" of better relations with Cuba and Venezuela, but he called on Cuba to back them up by giving its people more political freedom.

Obama spoke after attending a Summit of the Americas in Trinidad and Tobago, which he said focused on "launching a new era of partnerships" between the countries of the Western Hemisphere.

Communist-ruled Cuba was excluded from the meeting, but the summit was dominated by speculation over the prospect of an end to the long conflict between Washington and Havana after Cuban President Raul Castro said last



KEVIN LAMARQUE/REUTERS

U.S. President Barack Obama addresses a news conference after the conclusion of the Fifth Summit of the Americas in the Port of Spain yesterday. Communist Cuba was excluded from the meeting but President Raul Castro said he was open to talks.

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Obama also received friendly overtures during the summit from left-wing Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez, whose close alliance with Cuba and

fierce criticism of U.S. policies in the region had strained relations with Washington in the past.

"For the past few days, we've seen potential positive signs in the nature of

the relationship between the United States, Cuba and Venezuela," Obama told a news conference.

"We're going to explore and see if we can make progress," Obama added, recalling Castro had said he was willing to talk about political prisoners and human rights.

Obama went on: "But as I've said before, the test for all of us is not simply words but deeds."

Recalling his move last week to ease aspects of the 47-year-old U.S. trade embargo against Cuba, Obama reiterated a call for Cuba to reciprocate by freeing political prisoners and addressing freedom of expression and religion, saying these issues cannot be brushed aside.

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Taliban in Pakistan

Pakistan must do more to "erase" Taliban bases inside its territory which are destabilizing the entire region, the U.S. commander of Western troops in neighbouring Afghanistan said yesterday. **REUTERS**

U.K. hostage released in Nigeria

CAPTIVE Nigeria's most prominent militant group released British hostage Robin Barry Hughes yesterday after holding him in the creeks of the restive Niger Delta for seven months, officials said.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) said earlier yesterday it would free Hughes because of his health and age.

Hughes and another Briton, Matthew John Maguire, have been held captive since Sept. 9, an unusually long period for foreign hostages in Nigeria, Africa's most populous country.

Hundreds of foreigners have been seized in the Niger Delta, home to Africa's biggest oil and gas industry, since MEND launched a campaign of violence in early 2006 to push for what it considers to be a fairer share of the profits from crude oil extraction. Most have been freed unharmed after a few weeks. **REUTERS**

Expect U.S. energy bill, says official

LEGISLATION U.S. lawmakers will pass major energy legislation, possibly including measures to address climate change, by the end of this year, a top White House official said yesterday.

"I do know this, at the end of this first year of Congress there will be an energy bill on the president's desk," White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel told ABC's This Week with George Stephanopoulos.

When asked whether the bill would include a controversial cap-and-trade system aimed at curbing emissions of carbon dioxide, Emanuel said "our goal is to get that done. We will see." **REUTERS**

News in brief

BIRD FLU An 18-month-old Egyptian girl has contracted the highly pathogenic bird flu virus after coming into contact with infected birds, Egypt's state media said yesterday. Egypt has seen a surge in human cases in recent months, with 15 since the start of the year, compared to seven between Jan. 1 and April 17 last year.

SOUTH AFRICA ANC leader Jacob Zuma, boosted by the support of Nelson Mandela at a final election rally, dismissed accusations his ruling party planned to change South Africa's constitution and appealed for national unity. **REUTERS**

Italy takes in 140 rescued migrants

Italy gave permission yesterday for a Turkish cargo ship carrying 140 rescued migrants to dock in one of its ports "for humanitarian reasons," ending a four-day standoff with its European Union neighbour Malta.

Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said the deal was reached after the intervention of European

Commission President Jose Manuel Barroso, who spoke with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi and his Maltese counterpart Lawrence Gonzi.

The ship, the Pinar, spent four days in choppy international waters southwest of the small Italian island of Lampedusa while Italy and Malta refused to receive the salvaged mi-

grants, who were plucked from two struggling boats early on Thursday.

"Malta's government has not complied with a European request from Commission President Barroso to respect the rules of search and rescue at sea," Frattini said.

He pledged to raise the issue at the next meeting of European Union foreign

ministers.

Rome had insisted that the rescue operation took place in Maltese waters and refused to accept the migrants, but the small island state insisted it happened closer to Italy.

Initial estimates by the ship's crew had put the number of illegal migrants at 154, but an Italian medical team yesterday count-

ed only 140. None of them was in a serious medical condition, they said.

Every year tens of thousands of illegal immigrants try to reach southern Italy in rickety boats from the coast of nearby north Africa.

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Everyone needs a hobby

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Anne Hines



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It's contest time! This contest is called, "Help Anne choose a hobby." What could be more fun? Well ... choosing a hobby for yourself. That would be way more fun. But, will it win you one of the fabulous prizes listed below? I think not.

And frankly, I need the help. Now that my children are grown, I find something unexpected has returned to my life. Not disposable income, that's gone for good. Along

I'm hoping Metro readers can help me find



with my stomach muscles, memory and the ability to get through a day without humming the Teletubbies theme song.

But what I do have now and then, is a whole spare 10 or 15 minutes to do something for myself. Clearly, I'm ready for a hobby.

I go to the gym. I thought that was my hobby. Then I found out the definition of "hobby" isn't "an activity you'd rather gnaw your own arm off than have to do on a regular basis."

I'm hoping Metro readers can help me find

On the web

How to participate

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something better.

The guidelines:

- It cannot involve a large outlay of cash. So, piloting a small aircraft or buying fashionable yoga gear is out.
- It's best to avoid activities that involve using or being in the vicinity of sharp objects. I tried gardening once and ended up getting a twig stuck in my eye and having to be rushed to the hospital. Gardening is not really the relaxing activity it's made out to be.
- It should not involve eating icky, unidentifiable things. This rules out becoming a contestant on Survivor or taking up vegan cooking.
- It should, ideally, be legal.
- No tatting. I can't imagine

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ine saying, "Oh yes, I tat." I just can't.

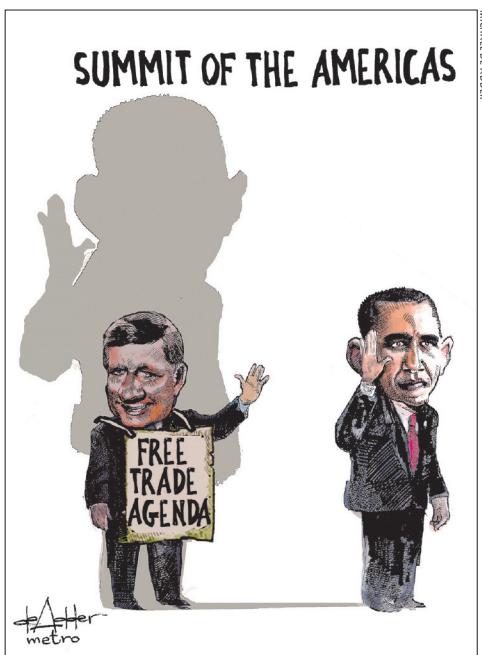
Other than that, the field's wide open.

Anyone who has an interesting, cheap, non-threatening, non-icky, legal hobby, I'd like to hear about it. I'll choose a winner and give your suggestion a go.

Now, the prize. It was going to be a mug. Not just any mug. A Metro newspaper mug. But I decided against that on the basis that we don't have any. I considered giving away my own mug. It's from the Elvis Presley Inn, Jerusalem. I was even prepared to wash it before I mailed it. However, Metro has graciously donated logoed pens and chocolates. I know. I'm a little breathless myself.

So. Hobbies. Help me out. And let the games, or crocheting or Middle Eastern European stamp collecting, begin.

Anne Hines is an author and humour writer. She has written three novels and one collection of nonfiction humour.



Worth mentioning

Summit eyes native traditions to combat climate change

Alaskan Inuits, Australian aborigines and Pygmies from Cameroon have a message for a warming world: Native traditions can be a potent weapon against climate change.

At a summit starting today in Anchorage, Alaska, some 400 indigenous people from 80 nations are gathering to hone this message in the hope it can be a key part of international climate negotiations.

"We don't want to be seen just as the powerless victims of climate change," said Patricia Cochran, an Inupiat native of Nome, Alaska, who is chairing the Indigenous Peoples' Global Summit on Climate Change. "Our conference is really stirred by our wanting to become leaders ... because we

environments.

For instance, Cochran said, Inuit people in Alaska are reverting to traditional dogsleds instead of modern snow machines as the icy region warms.

"People go out on their snow machines, fall through the ice and are never seen again," she said. "But our sled dogs will tell you when the ice is not safe ... and they're a lot easier to feed than (to pay) the gas prices that we have, \$10 a gallon in many of our villages."

REUTERS

Views

Get your butt on a bike for Earth Day

InTransit

Shawn Logan

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The plan he's peddling may seem far-fetched. Try and coax 10 per cent of Calgary's automobile-centric commuters out of the cosy confines of their compacts, station wagons and SUVs and onto a bicycle seat on a daily basis.

A stretch? Perhaps. But Ald. Brian Pincott not only walks the walk, he pedals the pedal.

"There's no question we've built a car city and if you want to get around in this city by

any other means first and foremost you need determination," said Pincott, whose own 24-speed Kona Dew Deluxe is often parked in his stall at city hall, flanked by gas-guzzling vehicles.

Bicycles have long been an afterthought in sprawling Calgary with only 200 kilometres of bike lanes and daily commuter bike traffic into the core only accounting for about 1.5 per cent of the total trips.

Sure, there are leagues of bike paths winding through Calgary, but changing the mindset of the bicycle as a recreational tool to a com-

muting vehicle on par with cars and trucks will require some effort. And part of that effort may start on Wednesday's Earth Day. Pincott will join residents at the South Calgary Community Centre in Altadore at 7:30 a.m. for "Leave your car behind day."

While he's hoping for an armada of two-wheeled traffic rolling into core that day, Pincott said he's happy that at least people are beginning to realize the potential for the bike as a viable transportation option.

"Every 1,500 bikes we get on the road means one more lane of traffic we don't have to build — so for the city to get people on to bikes is dirt cheap," he said.

But it can't just be the city that promotes the bicycle. Businesses in the core need

to get on the two-wheeled bandwagon, Pincott said, and start providing bike lockups and shower facilities.

While cash-strapped owners may balk at the idea, when you consider the cost to provide a single downtown parking stall is \$80,000, the math makes more sense.

The inner city alderman acknowledges Calgary will never mirror European cities that boast huge percentages of bicycle use.

But getting one in 10 commuters to opt for the bike? "It seems very low, but that would be a remarkable number and achievable," Pincott said.

Shawn Logan is a veteran municipal affairs reporter who covered Calgary city hall for three years after working at a number of publications in southern Alberta.



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We spend about one-third of our time at work. And that's where almost half of our greenhouse gases come from, according to Kim McKay and Jenny Bonnin's True Green @ Work: 100 Ways You Can Make the Environment Your Business. Form a green team for your office and look at ways to cut back on electricity and waste. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Going Green

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Fossil fuels also form smog

Global warming is not the only reason we should reduce our fossil fuel emissions. The burning of fossil fuels releases air pollutants. Some of these compounds can then form airborne particles and ground-level ozone — which, combined together, is commonly referred to as smog. Increased levels of exposure to smog may cause congestion, difficulty breathing and asthma attacks.

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Some simple ways to celebrate

One billion people expected to take part in Earth Day activities Wednesday

EARTH DAY: APRIL 22
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for Metro Canada

It's Earth Day on Wednesday, and while saving the planet is serious business, you may as well have fun while you're at it. Globally, one billion people in 170 countries are expected to join the celebration of the planet we all live on, organizers say.

Kelly Magill, editor of Positively Green magazine, has some tips for ordinary families to join the party. She treats it like a

birthday and recommends parents take their kids on a planetary adventure.

"Just get outside! Go to a park or on a hike. Take a picnic with you and spend the day investigating nature," she says. "If you have bikes, take a family bike ride. Getting comfortable with biking when you're young makes it easier to bike instead of drive when you're an adult."

If you live near a zoo or wildlife park, take your family there to instill a sense of love and respect for animals, she suggests. In a similar vein, go on a strawberry picking adventure and bring the fruit home to enjoy.

"This activity really makes our connection to



There are many ways you can celebrate Earth Day, including starting a garden in your backyard or in a container in your home.

the Earth clear."

An easier option is to visit your local farmers' market. Building this con-

nnection between the Earth and what we eat makes it easier to understand why protecting the planet is important, she explains.

Magill recently finished making a batch of soap with her family.

"Families used to make all of their own 'beauty' products and they knew exactly what was in them," she explains. "You can find easy recipes on the web."

It doesn't take long and it also makes bath time more fun.

For a more ambitious project, start a garden in your backyard or in a con-

tainer in your house.

"Let your child choose what to plant. This way, they're more likely to eat it. Don't get too ambitious — choose two or three things to plant," she says. "You

and your child can check on your garden throughout the spring and summer and harvest what you've grown together."

A simpler idea is to set up a bird feeder.

"Spring means baby birds and feeding," Magill smiles. "You'll see all kinds of birds visiting your feeder."

Websites

- Go to Earthday.ca to find local Earth Day events or visit Positivelygreen.com for more tips on green living.

Green Home Index tracks behaviours

The road to environmental consciousness is paved with green intentions, but a first-of-its-kind index gives Canadians a moderate rating when it comes to greening their homes.

The Canadian Green Home Index, developed by Environics Research for The Home Depot Canada, has assigned Canadians a 60 out of 100 rating in its inaugural release. Based on a basket of five questions, the Canadian Green Home Index tracks Canadian atti-

Numbers

- A majority of Canadians (68 per cent) rate their home as "somewhat green." A further 13 per cent believe their homes are "very green." But an even stronger majority (83 per cent) acknowledge they have room to improve — and are keen to make their homes even greener than they are today.

tudes and behaviours as a means to measure progress

toward greening their homes.

"Canadians want to be more environmentally friendly, but it's an ongoing process to change these important behaviours," said Annette Verschuren, president of The Home Depot Canada and Asia. "We believe this index provides a real opportunity to add to the green discussion so we can support further change and provide consumers with the tools they need to do more." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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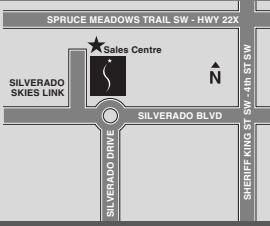
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Canada's annual inflation eases in March, core higher
Canada's annual inflation rate slowed to 1.2 per cent in March from 1.4 per cent in February, but the core rate watched by the central bank rose to two per cent. **REUTERS**

Business

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Watchdog criticized after Conquest's fall

Travel body should have taken action: Critics

The first clues that now-defunct Conquest Vacations could be in trouble emerged six months ago, when the seller of packaged holidays ran afoul of provincial guidelines that stipulate how much cash it needed to have on hand to pay its bills.

While not necessarily an ominous sign in an industry known for its volatility, the event nevertheless spawned discussions between Conquest management and the province's travel industry watchdog, the Travel Industry Council of Ontario, or TICO.

In March, TICO gave Conquest a deadline of

"TICO's mandate is consumer protection. It's not to protect registrants."

Bruce Bishins,
Association of Retail
Travel Agents

April 14 to put more money into its working capital fund or face a suspension.

But TICO president Michael Pepper said Conquest instead opted to pull the plug on the travel firm the next day in a move that ruined the plans of thousands of Canadians.

While Pepper says he

stands by his decision to attempt to work with Conquest, others have questioned whether TICO could have done more to soften the impact of Conquest's shutdown.

Bruce Bishins, president of the Association of Retail Travel Agents, said a shortfall in Conquest's working capital, which refers to money used to pay bills or other short-term expenses, should have prompted TICO to stop Conquest from selling travel packages.

"TICO's mandate is consumer protection. It's not to protect registrants," Bishins said.

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AUTO The Canadian Auto Workers union has little choice but to accept cuts of over 20 per cent in its members' wages and benefits when talks with Chrysler over cost savings resume next week, analysts said.

Without the concessions, a partnership between Chrysler and Italian car-maker Fiat SpA has little chance, and Chrysler would then fail to meet the end-of-month deadline to qualify for Canadian and U.S. government aid.

Chrysler would then likely have to file for bankruptcy protection, almost assuredly bringing cuts in labour costs and job losses, analysts said.

Chrysler said in a letter to employees Friday that the union's refusal to cut labour costs by \$19 an hour to \$57 an hour jeopardizes the future of Chrysler and its operations in Canada.

REUTERS

In brief

ENERGY Low prices are almost certain to have slashed profits for Canada's biggest oil and gas producers, who begin their first-quarter earning season in earnest this week.

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The Iceman doneth?

After being knocked out by Mauricio (Shogun) Rua at UFC 97 in Montreal Saturday, Chuck (The Iceman) Liddell is finished, according to UFC president Dana White. "You're never going to see Chuck Liddell on the canvas again," White said. "It's done." **METRO NEWS SERVICES**



Sports

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Canucks take stranglehold

**STANLEY CUP
2009 Playoffs**

Steve Bernier netted the game-winner early in the third period, as the Vancouver Canucks edged the St. Louis Blues, 3-2, in Game 3 of their Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Roberto Luongo was solid between the pipes, stopping 24 shots for the third-seeded Canucks, who lead the best-of-seven series, 3-0, and will look to complete the sweep tomorrow in St. Louis.

Vancouver scored all three goals on the power play, with Daniel Sedin and Mattias Ohlund also lighting the lamp.

David Backes and Andy McDonald both registered a goal and an assist for the Blues, who had won their last five on home ice to conclude the regular season. Chris Mason made 23 saves in defeat.

Mats Sundin sat out the game with a lower-body injury.

FLYERS 6 PENGUINS 3

Simon Gagne netted a pair of goals, as the Philadelphia Flyers posted a strong 6-3 victory over the Pittsburgh Penguins in Game 3 of their Eastern

Conference quarterfinal series at Wachovia Center.

Claude Giroux contributed a goal and assist for the Flyers, who climbed back into the series after dropping the first two games in Pittsburgh.

Jeff Carter, Mike Richards and Jared Ross also hit the net for Philadelphia, and Martin Biron stopped 26 shots for the win.

Evgeni Malkin tallied twice for the Penguins, who dropped their first road playoff contest since Game 2 of the 2008 Stanley Cup Finals in Detroit.

Rob Scuderi added a goal while Sidney Crosby picked up a pair of helpers. Marc-Andre Fleury allowed five goals on 29 shots in defeat. Game 4 is set for Tuesday in Philadelphia.

DEVILS 3, HURRICANES 2 (OT)

Travis Zajac, who had not scored since mid-March, lit the lamp 4:58 into overtime to lift the New Jersey Devils to a 3-2 win over Carolina in Game 3 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series at RBC Center. Zach Parise and Brian Gionta also tallied for the Devils, who bounced back from an overtime loss in Game 2 to take a 2-1 lead in the best-



MATTHEW STURK/GETTY IMAGES

of-seven series. Martin Brodeur turned aside 28 of the 30 shots he faced. Ryan Bayda and Chad LaRose each had a goal for the Hurricanes.

Carolina will host Game 4 on Tuesday.

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For a recap of the Ducks/Sharks game, visit metronews.ca


Sports in brief

WHL Brett Sonne scored late in the third period to lead the Hitmen to a 5-4 win over the Brandon Wheat Kings in WHL playoff action last night. With the win, the Hitmen took a 2-0 lead in their Eastern Conference final series.

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Lakers shut down Jazz in opener

**NBA
2009 Playoffs**

Kobe Bryant scored 24 points and dished out eight assists, and the Los Angeles Lakers led by double digits for a majority of their 113-100 victory over the Utah Jazz in Game 1 of their Western Conference quarterfinal series.

Bryant moved into third all-time on the Lakers' all-time postseason scoring list and ninth overall with 3,710 points, passing Magic Johnson. Trevor Ariza added a playoff career-high 21 points, while Pau Gasol contributed 20 points, nine rebounds and four blocks for Los Angeles.

76ERS 100, MAGIC 98

Andre Iguodala's fadeaway jumper from the top of the key over the outstretched arms of Hedo



Matt Harpring of the Jazz guards Lamar Odom yesterday.

Turkoglu with 2.2 seconds left in regulation proved to be the game-winner, as the Philadelphia 76ers overcame an 18-point second-half deficit to take Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series, 100-98, against the Orlando Magic.

HAWKS 90, HEAT 64

Josh Smith scored 23 points and grabbed 10 re-

bounds to lead the fourth-seeded Atlanta Hawks in a 90-64 rout of the Miami Heat in Game 1 of their Eastern Conference quarterfinal series.

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Workology

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Talking your way into a new career

Holly Perreault used to pull her hair into a ponytail, wash her face and go in the morning. Now, the 42-year-old

from Windsor, Ont., always dons a smart outfit and a little makeup. That's because she feels great about herself and her job. But also, as a full-time Avon salesperson, it does-

n't hurt to use the products you sell.

Three years ago, she was doing something completely different. She ran a home daycare and kept busy with that and her

three daughters, the youngest of which is now six.

A girlfriend who sold Avon suggested Perreault give it a try. Perreault agreed — eager to get some free stuff and make a little cash.

In that first year, she did well selling to family and friends and made it into the company's President's Club. After the awards banquet, her manager took her out for lunch.

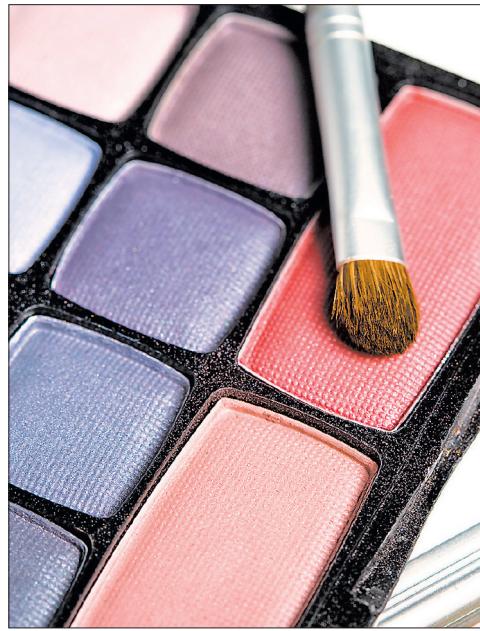
"What do you want to do with this?" she asked. Knowing her youngest was about to enter grade one, and loving both the products and the endless chance to interact with people, Perreault had her answer. She cleared two days each week to go out and train with her manager.

Last September, she shut down her home daycare and got to work recruiting both customers and Avon salespeople to work under her. Today, she has a team of a hundred salespeople, a good-sized roster of clients who order from Avon regularly and has been promoted to executive unit leader.

"A typical day for me is talking, and talking," Perreault says. She often meets with team members to discuss business strategies, and she and other representatives attend frequent training sessions and workshops held by Avon. They also go door to door.

And while she's out doing everything from shopping at the mall to attending one of her daughter's soccer games, she's constantly talking to people.

"My goal every time I go out is to find a new customer or to find a new rep



Avon representative Holly Perreault says it's not a bad idea to wear the products you are trying to sell.

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Earlier this month, Mount Royal College celebrated the launch of its Centre for Child Well-Being, to be co-ordinated by the school's health and community studies faculty. The centre is designed to mentor faculty in research, boost undergraduate engagement in meaningful research opportunities, and liaise with the community on applied research questions.

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OddJobs

Diane Peters

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that would like to join Avon."

At first, it was tough for her to ring doorbells and talk to strangers all the time. But practice, her love of people, and her psychology degree all helped. As does the business skills she learned managing restaurants, which she did before her eldest daughter, now 15, was born.

And while she's out doing everything from shopping at the mall to attending one of her daughter's soccer games, she's constantly talking to people. In fact, most of her past experience has led up this job, she sees in retrospect.

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Diane Peters once hawked magic pens at the Canadian National Exhibition. She's now a writer and part-time journalism instructor.

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In brief

LAYOFFS Today's labor surplus in Canada's energy sector could prove an even bigger problem down the road, when the current industry downturn fades and demand for workers begins its cyclical rebound. At present, more layoffs are looming as companies keep multi-billion-dollar oil sands projects on the shelf and hold off on natural gas drilling plans due to low prices.

REUTERS

Il Divo singer engaged

David Miller, the only American singer in the international opera group Il Divo, is getting engaged. Miller, 36, proposed to his girlfriend, Sarah Joy Kabanuck, an opera singer and theatre actress who starred in Baz Luhrmann's *La Boheme* on Broadway. They have been dating for six years. USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Andy hitched

Tennis player Andy Roddick is officially off the market. The athlete, 26, wed his longtime girlfriend, Sports Illustrated model Brooklyn Decker, 21, on Friday. USMAGAZINE.COM



***** A CLASSIC; ***** EXCELLENT; *** GOOD; ** FAIR; * POOR

Over the top action ride

Crank: High Voltage

Directors: Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor

Stars: Jason Statham

Classification: 18A

Rating: **

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Crank: High Voltage is disgusting, disposable, disorienting, inhuman and infantile ... and those are its good points.

Immediately picking up where the attention deficit friendly adventures of the first instalment left off, brutish British action hero Jason Statham returns as seemingly superhuman underworld anti-hero Chev Chellios, who, after surviving an impossible fall from a helicopter, has his heart



Jason Statham returns as a thug in *Crank: High Voltage*

removed by Triad organ thieves and replaced by a bionic one.

In order for Chev to beat the clock — again — and retrieve his resilient ticker, he has to keep his body constantly pulsing with electricity, a gimmicky plot device that unleashes scene after scene of finger-in-socket

silliness.

In an effort to out-inundate its audience with action, *Crank* is a non-stop, over the top orgy of violence, sex, misogyny, racism and general bad taste driven by a genuinely bizarre score by ex-Faith No More frontman Mike Patton.

But for all its sound and fury, it feels safe: An over stylized, faux-hip descent into cartoonish, music video informed depravity that tries hard to be a grand scale Lloyd Kaufman meets Russ Meyer exploitation grindhouse-style movie. Instead, it comes off as a glossy — though undeniably energetic — big budget forgery.

Red Bull junkies, gamers, 12-year-old boys and easily bored morons might love every inch of this fast forward, ultra-bloody time waster but by the time Statham turns into a jut-jawed, power plant leveling Godzilla-esque monster — and yes, it does happen — even they might be annoyed by directors Mark Neveldine and Brian Taylor's grab bag lunacy and pretentious self awareness.

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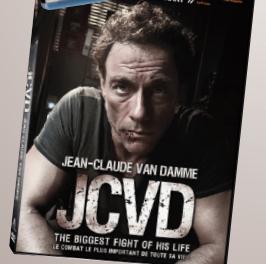
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14 entertainment



Baby boy for Paisleys

Country singer Brad Paisley and his wife, According to Jim star Kimberly Williams-Paisley, left, welcomed a son Friday, their reps confirm to usmagazine.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment in brief

UNION Hollywood studios and the 120,000 member Screen Actors Guild reached a tentative deal Friday on a new film and

television contract that ends a bitter deadlock and would avert a strike the industry fears in a recession.

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STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

**Ali Larter may act deluded in her latest thriller
Obsessed but she has no delusions about society's obsession with celebrity.**

"It's part of what comes in our business," admitted the actress recently. "The hardest part for most actors is having to deal with the paparazzi and kind of how fans can sometimes take a moment too far."

"But the other end of it is that we've chosen these careers and when you put yourself in the public eye, there's a certain amount of responsibility that comes with it."

While the 33-year-old star of TV's *Heroes* has mostly avoided the tabloid trappings of many other young actresses, Larter still dislikes the paparazzi — but for a reason you might not expect.

"Just always having to be on is, for me, the most difficult part," admitted Larter. "I don't want to have to get ready before I leave my house ... who

Ali Larter stars as a woman stalking a married man in the thriller *Obsessed*.

Movie feature

complacent wife (Beyoncé Knowles).

"I didn't play her as a stalker. I think of it as a woman who fell in love," said Larter. "For me, it was important to understand the clues into her psychosis and what happened to her to make her believe the things that this man said are true so hopefully the audience is going to go

on that journey with me."

For those who do take the film's journey, it means catching a predication most paparazzi would kill to witness in person — an all-out catfight between Larter and Knowles.

"She's stunningly beautiful," said Larter of the pop star. "One of my favorite moments is having Beyoncé charge at me. How many people get to have that happen in their life?"

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An Audience With Neil Diamond

With sales of 115 million records, Neil Diamond is ranked third on the list of the most successful artists ever. In this new special, he holds forth on his life and career before an audience that includes Tim Rice, Dame Judi Dench and Alison Steadman, among others, before launching into his greatest hits. He performs old favorites along with songs from the 2008 album "Home Before Dark." 7 PM on BRAVO



The Big Bang Theory

The holidays aren't very merry for Leonard when a handsome colleague (guest star Michael Trucco) begins dating Penny, while Sheldon drives everyone nuts trying to master the nuances of gift-giving etiquette in "The Bath Item Gift Hypothesis." 9 PM on CFCN KREM

Rules of Engagement

Jeff invites Audrey to watch him play softball, hoping to show her that he's not an old fogey after he falls asleep while watching a movie, but he winds up being undone by a sneeze. Orlando Jones guest stars in the new episode "Old Timer's Day." 10:30 PM on CHTV; 10:31 PM on KREM

Alleged Tyra stalker on trial

LEGAL The man charged with stalking former supermodel Tyra Banks went on trial Friday, with prosecutors saying he terrified the America's Next Top Model host by sending her packages and threatening her assistant. Brady Green, 39, was arrested last March after he appeared twice at the Manhattan studio where The Tyra Banks Show is filmed.

Smith to perform at Carnegie Hall

PEOPLE Filmmaker Kevin Smith will perform at New York's Carnegie Hall June 17 in *Silent Bob Speaks: An Evening with Kevin Smith*, in which the director will offer uncensored anecdotes and engage in an audience Q&A.

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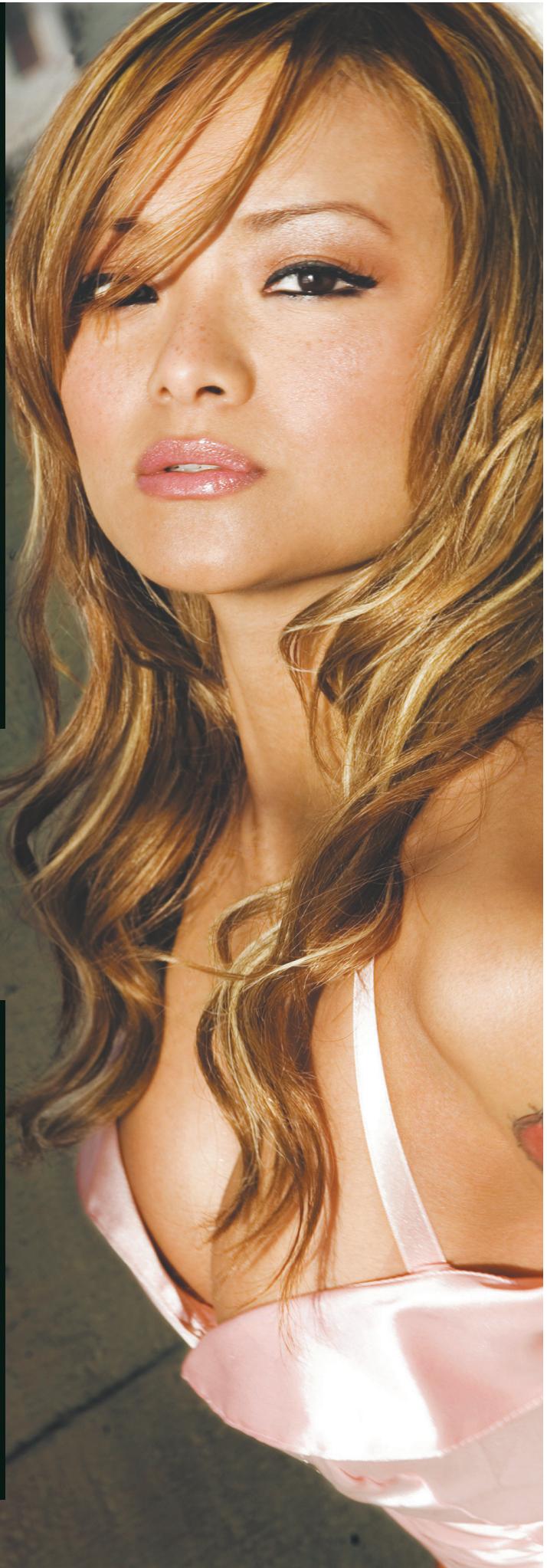
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Perpetual Hollywood bachelor Matthew McConaughey says that when it comes to marriage, why fix it if it ain't broke? "It's just not something I plan on doing right now, and that I feel like I need to do right now," said the 39-year-old actor. [PEOPLE.COM](#)

Celebrity Buzz

Tom calls in air support for Suri

PEOPLE Tom Cruise isn't one to let anything ruin his daughter's special day.

While celebrating Suri Cruise's third birthday Saturday, guests were reportedly disturbed by a paparazzi helicopter swooping overhead, according to TMZ, so Tom called the cops.

The LAPD airship reportedly did a flyby, but the offending aircraft was gone by the time they arrived.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Wife prefers a fat, flabby Hugh

PEOPLE Hugh Jackman's wife finds his muscular body "annoying." [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The actor, who embarked on a gruelling exercise regime for his new movie *X-Men Origins: Wolverine*, infuriated his spouse Deborra-Lee Furness by getting into better shape than her.

He joked: "She gets very annoyed. She says, 'A husband's job is to be fat and flabby and make me look fabulous.' She said I wasn't living up to my end of the bargain."

Hugh undertook a "full-on" fitness and diet program to reprise his role as the mutant superhero and says he achieved his chiselled physique through two full workouts daily, and meals of steamed chicken and vegetables every three hours.

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Amy feels Betrayal

RELATIONSHIP Singer Amy Winehouse has reportedly penned a new track called the Ultimate Betrayal following claims her estranged husband is expecting a child with another woman, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

Mother-of-two Gilleen Morris told a British newspaper last weekend that she is six weeks pregnant with Blake Fielder-Civil's baby.

Winehouse was reportedly heartbroken by the news — and has written an emotional song about her turbulent relationship

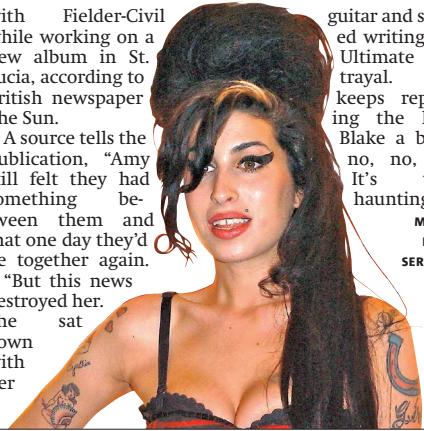
with Fielder-Civil while working on a new album in St. Lucia, according to British newspaper The Sun.

A source tells the publication, "Amy still felt they had something between them and that one day they'd be together again.

"But this news destroyed her. She sat down with her

guitar and started writing the Ultimate Betrayal. She keeps repeating the line: Blake a baby, no, no, no. It's very haunting.

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Britney threatened by Kevin's new fiancée?

PEOPLE Britney Spears feels "betrayed" by Kevin Federline, [femalefirst.co.uk](#) reports.

The singer is reportedly furious with her ex-husband — with whom she has two children, Sean Preston, three, and Jayden James, two — after he proposed to girlfriend Victoria Prince, because Spears still has feelings for him.

A source close to Spears

— who is rumoured to be dating her backing dancer Chase Benz

— said: "Britney's

face fell when Kevin told her he had proposed.

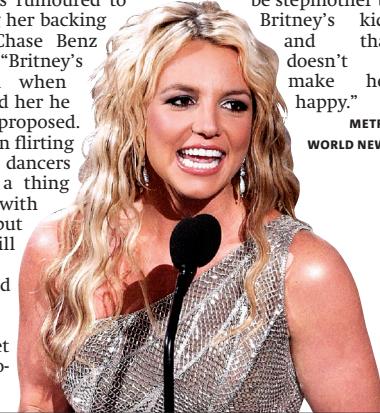
She's been flirting with her dancers and has a thing going on with Chase but she still loves Kevin and always hoped they'd get back together.

"It wouldn't surprise me if her flirting with other guys was purely to make him jealous."

Spears — who divorced Federline in 2007 — is said to be particularly concerned with the amount of time Prince will be spending with her sons.

The source added: "I don't think Britney saw her as a threat until Kevin proposed but now she will be stepmother to Britney's kids and that doesn't make her happy."

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GETTY IMAGES

New divorce judge for Mel

LEGAL Mel Gibson received a new judge after his lawyer requested to remove Judge Rafael Ongkeko from presiding over his divorce case against his wife, Robyn, [usmagazine.com](#) reports.

The case was reassigned to Judge Frederick Shaller "for all future court proceedings," [usmagazine.com](#) confirmed on Friday.

The star's attorney, Robert Kaufman, filed legal papers on

Thursday with California's Superior Court to boot Ongkeko from the case.

According to the documents, Kaufman said that Ongkeko is "prejudiced against re-

spondent and/or the respondent's attorney or the interest of respondent so that affiant against cannot or believes that he and/or respondent cannot have a fair and impartial trial or hearing before Judge Ongkeko."

According to TMZ.com, it is more likely that the couple will not appear in an L.A. county courthouse and will instead get a private judge to hear them out away from all the publicity and attention.

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Spencer Twit-challenges Ashton

RIVALRY The same day that Ashton Kutcher beat CNN in their much-hyped Twitter race to reach one million followers, a new challenger has surfaced — *The Hills'* Spencer Pratt.

Though he currently has less than 200,000 followers on the social networking site, Pratt

issued a challenge to Kutcher through [usmagazine.com](#), "assuming he's man enough to do so, (to add) the most new followers in 30 days wins."

"If I win, Ashton and Demi (Moore, his wife) have to wash my car," he says. If he loses, "Heidi (Montag) and I will clean their house."

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Madge's accident

PEOPLE Madonna suffered "minor injuries and bruises" Saturday while horseback riding in New York's Hamptons, her publicist has announced, [people.com](#) reports.

On Saturday evening, Liz Rosenberg said that the 50-year-old had been released from Southampton Hospital after she was thrown off a horse that was startled by paparazzi.

Rosenberg said the photographers had jumped

out of the bushes to snap Madonna, who was visiting friends on Eastern Long Island. Further medical tests are to be conducted, and doctors will continue to observe Madonna, the rep added.

In 2005, Madonna broke several bones in a horse-riding accident — cracking three ribs and breaking her collarbone and her hand. The following year, she suffered a hernia, but quickly recovered.

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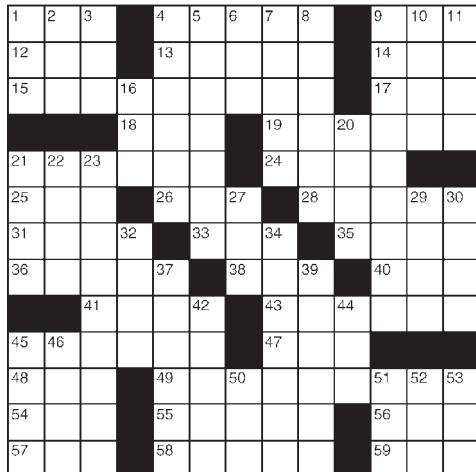
High level clouds.
22°C / 6°C

Wednesday

Light rain.
9°C / 3°C

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Crossword across

1 "By all means" 33 — de deux
4 Picture puzzle 35 Rational
9 Bat wood 36 Churlish types
12 Beer cousin 38 Pit of your stomach
13 Representative 40 "CSI" find
14 Falsehood 41 "Peter Pan" pooch
15 Willa Cather work 43 Grace, for one
17 Tribute in verse 45 Cyndi Lauper hit
18 Mel of Cooperstown 47 Glutton
19 Christmas tree 48 Ball prop
shimmer 49 Willa Cather work
21 Rose or carnation 54 Listening device
24 Fit of perverseness 55 Oyster prize
25 Mouth part 56 Seek damages
26 Groove on 57 "Doubtfire"
28 Spread outward 58 Fry lightly
31 Surrounded by 59 Grow old

Crossword down

1 Sweet potato 27 Joke
2 TV Tarzan Ron 29 Hathaway or Heche
3 Mariner's place 30 Calendar quota
4 Snatched (on) 32 Hardly fascinating
5 Self-indulgence of a sort 34 Boost
6 Franklin or Stein 37 Gets nosy
7 Monads 39 Tiny amount
8 Dry cleaner's targets 42 Breathlessness?
9 Willa Cather work 44 Past
10 Faction 45 Goblet feature
11 Back of the foot 46 Listen to
16 Promptly 50 Water (Fr.)
20 Pinches 51 Mex. neighbour
21 "Spare tire" 52 Carpet
22 Car to a prom 53 Witness
23 Willa Cather work

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13-17 minScholar17-21 minSmart
21-25 minNot bad
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on each, then wrap in a slice of prosciutto, making sure that ham covers slit in chicken. Tie securely with kitchen string.

4. Heat oil in large frying pan over medium heat. Add chicken breasts and sauté over high heat until brown on both sides, 3 minutes. Transfer chicken to baking dish. Bake until chicken is cooked through and juices run clear when breast is pierced, 10 to 12 minutes.

5. For salad, put oil and lemon juice in bowl, season with salt and pepper to taste, and whisk. Add lettuce and watercress, then toss. Divide between 4 serving plates.

6. Remove string from chicken breasts. Cut each piece crosswise into slices, holding together to keep shape. Arrange on salad and garnish with remaining basil.

SERVES 4

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Horoscopes

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20



A happy friend speaks out of turn. A crook complains about your advice. Someone jumps out from a hidden alcove.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21



Somebody knows that you won't say the wrong thing. Have fun with a group of friends. An arrogant person needs a lesson in hospitality.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



A control freak makes a savage point. Disguise your response to a lovelorn person. Performing a random act of kindness does you good.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22



Give a troubled person some special help. You can help to stabilize a volatile situation. Someone you dream about will escape from danger.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



Even a miracle can't bring something back to you. Someone you know will explode with laughter. Wait patiently for a floundering fool.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



Use your self-discipline to play by the rules. An elder wants you to lose a game. Don't trivialize a wild and crazy fantasy.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



An insulting person will cause misery. Single out a much-loved guy for special attention. Try new approach in search of satisfaction.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



A true friend has gone astray. A promise interferes with your love life. When an opening comes up you should grab it.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



Enjoy foolish rules if you're not forced to obey them. A crazy scheme is challenged by a skeptic. A private place is helpful to soothe a wounded ego.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



A stranger won't take your status for granted. A shredded heart will be mended. Being silly is more fun than it used to be.



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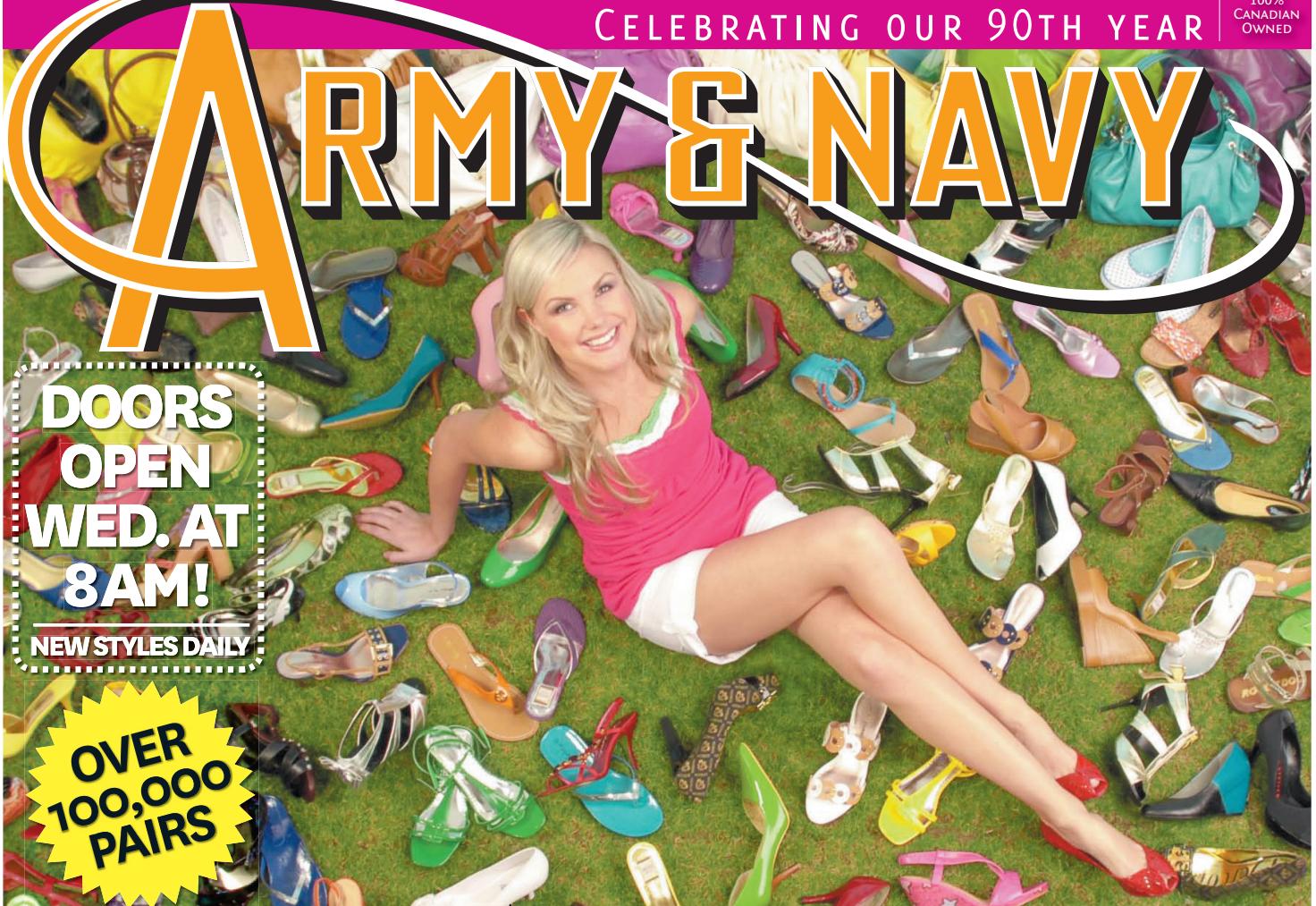
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